



Zoolaski. Photo by Alison Roerts



North London Performing Arts. Photo by Erini Rodis

## If you went down to the woods...

Saturday 21 June saw the start of yet another successful East Finchley Festival. The boys and girls enjoyed their football event at Strawberry Vale on Saturday; they also enjoyed the best of the weather.

Sunday's event started with a grand parade from Strawberry Vale to the main venue at Cherry Tree Wood. The theme of year's parade was 'The Green Man', which inspired a number of attractive costumes.

At the main venue there were many stalls - offering produce, games or simply giving information. There were lots of activities for children, including face painting, drawing, story telling, fairground rides and a bouncy castle.

### Heavenly aroma

A wide array of food stalls sent wonderful smells floating across Cherry Tree Wood. This year there seemed to be even more stalls, offering a good variety of snacks and beverages. As always, the beer tent did a roaring trade. Many people relaxed on the grass with a cool beer to enjoy the music from the newly named 'ARCHER' stage. Unfortunately there were a few technical hitches with the PA system, but it didn't appear to spoil the atmosphere and, hopefully, had nothing to do with the new name!



Above: The many food stalls provide fuel for a picnic in the park. Photo by Erini Rodis



Children sit transfixed in the storyteller's tent. Photo by Alison Roberts



Below: Training on the green with the Territorial Army  
Photo by Alison Roberts



Teresa Harrison & Oliver on the Martn School stall. Photo by David Glick



The Festival Organisers would like us to say a special thank you to Antigua Joe, who stepped into the breach with an impromptu acoustic set when the PA failed. At the other end of the park, an equally enthusiastic crowd enjoyed music and performance art on the low stage.

### Here's to next year

East Finchley is extremely fortunate to have such an event, where we can sit in the sun,

eat, drink and chat to friends whilst enjoying the entertainment around us. On behalf of the people of East Finchley we would like to offer our thanks to the many dedicated volunteers and generous individuals and businesses who have helped make this great event possible. With your continued support, we look forward to many more fun summer weekends in Cherry Tree Wood.

### Competition winners:

**Guess how many words on the page** - Sarah Ebner of Baronsmere Road came closest to the correct total of 1122.  
**Treasure Hunt** - Martin Earl of Leslie Road found Archie's arrow. Congratulations to both!



Above: The procession passes The Phoenix. Photo by David Glick  
Left: The game must go on - basketball in the park. Photo by Erini Rodis